



## **Message from the Commanding General United States Army Training and Doctrine Command**

### **COLUMBUS DAY HOLIDAY WEEKEND SAFETY**

Columbus Day is the first holiday of FY07. While holiday weekends afford the opportunity for increased recreation and travel, they also expose our Soldiers and civilian employees to an increased risk for accident. Privately owned vehicle (POV) accidents are the greatest single hazard to off-duty personnel. Historically, the leading causes of POV accidents in TRADOC include excessive speed, driver overconfidence, driving while fatigued, or driving under the influence of alcohol. Apart from the increased risk of accident, these causation factors are indicative of poor judgment and indiscipline that are incompatible with Army values.

Before the start of the long holiday weekend, I want leaders at every level in the chain of command to review their holiday weekend accident prevention plans using the composite risk management process to focus on motor vehicle accident prevention. Identify at risk personnel or situations and intervene as appropriate.

As leaders, we play a critical role in accident prevention. Reinforce the use of composite risk management in off-duty activities and ensure supervisors and leaders talk to every Soldier and civilian employee about safety and accident prevention before they depart for the long weekend.

Protect our assets and "Own the Edge." Your support and involvement are required, together we make a difference.

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### **LEADERSHIP--FORCE PROTECTION—SAFETY**



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